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Re Department's CIRTEL 236.

Chief MAAG/Libya advises his FY 60 MAP submission and refinement thereof, which should include 10 British Saladin armored cars and support items as excess MAP materiel not a part of ceiling, contains all heavy items to meet current equipment requirements. This assumes early approval to permit lead time for OSP and, if practicable, delivery of US tool sets in FY 1960.

Even though one year lost awaiting determination respective US and UK responsibilities equipping Libyan Army, though British plan complete delivery all light items for 5000 man army by October 1959, and though recent UAR arms gift received grossly exaggerated publicity, CT believes and I concur MAAG/Libya recommendations and refinement will adequately meet US military objectives Libya without adverse effect on other objectives.

However, any reductions or stretch-out of this program and subsequent year programs would have deleterious effect all facets our relations GOL and people Libya. Consequently, and in light minimal size program, unable recommend reductions. Nor are any upward revisions or reallocations to non-military areas suggested.

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